

On page 1, please delete lines 4-7 and replace therefor:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a divisional of pending United States Patent Application No. 09/372,668 filed August 11, 1999, ^{new U.S. Pat. No. 6,414,129} which application claims priority from United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/096,195 filed August 11, 1998, which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-11 and 24-25.

REMARKS

With entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claim 34 is under consideration in the pending application. Claims 1-11 and 24-25 are cancelled and claims 12-23 and 26-33 are withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the Restriction Requirement mailed in U.S. Patent Application 09/372,668 on April 26, 2000. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to add the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" which section recites Applicants' claim to priority. This amendment does not add new matter to the specification. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.